GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ALLEGED THREAT TO INDIANS IN AFGHANISTAN
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the security concerns for Indians in Afghanistan are at their worst at the moment;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the Indian Government has taken up this matter with the Afghanistan Government; and

(d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) & (b) Security for all foreign nationals in Afghanistan including Indian nationals continues to be of serious concern. Several warnings and threats to Indians working in Afghanistan have been received periodically.

(c) & (d) Government of India is in constant touch with the Government of Afghanistan, at various levels, and has taken up the issue of security of Indian nationals working in Afghanistan. The Government of Afghanistan provides security to such Indian workers under bilateral agreements. Those working with international agencies, private companies and the Government of Afghanistan are provided security by their respective employers. Such workers are advised to insist on satisfactory security arrangements from their employers. The Government of India issue advisories for the Indians going to Afghanistan through its Embassy/Consulates in Afghanistan and also through Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi. All Indians working in Afghanistan are urged to register themselves with the Embassy of India, Kabul. In addition, Indians are also instructed to take adequate security measures and inform their employers and Embassy in case of need.